



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, September 24, 2013, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 10:00 a.m. at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. The following Board members were present: Chairman William Berry, Commissioners Kathy Byrne, Michael LaPidus, Allan Monat, Benjamin Reyes, Hugh Scates, Robert Schiewe, Jr., Gregory Sronce and Roger Whalen. Staff members Marc Laino, Katherine Laurent, Bob Lang and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

ORGANIZATION LICENSEE REQUEST

Commissioner Reyes moved to approve Hawthorne Race Course race officials Alan Plever and Leo Gonzalez. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

BOARD ITEM

Chairman Berry moved to approve following alternative racing schedules for 2014. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The motioned passed by a roll call vote of 8-1. Commissioner Sronce voted against the motion.

SCHEDULE #1

On the conditions that the Board receives supplemental funding of at least \$725,000 and advance deposit wagering is reauthorized by January 31, 2014.

Fairmount Park – 52 live programs

- Live racing April 29th through May 31st on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday evenings; June 1st through August 16th on Tuesday afternoons and Friday and Saturday evenings, dark on July 4th; and August 17th through September 20th on Tuesday afternoons, Saturday evenings and Labor Day September 1st. Dark August 30th.

Arlington Park – 89 live programs and 90 dark host programs for a total of 179

Dark host period - January 1st through January 23rd

- Live racing April 28th through September 30th
Racing 4 days per week, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays except live racing on May 26th and September 1st. Dark May 1st.

These dates are subject to the following:

- 1) An agreement with the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, pursuant to Section 3.075(a) of the Horse Racing Act, to allow a lesser schedule than 5 days per week.
- 2) To the satisfaction of Board staff, the following repairs shall be made:
 - Fix leaking roofs in barns 3, 4 and 5 and encapsulate the ceiling insulation in barn 5;
 - If utilized in 2014, repair the roof on barn 26; and
 - Repair the Fontana rail.

Hawthorne Race Course – 100 live programs and 86 dark host programs for a total of 186

Dark host period – January 24th through February 20th

- Live racing February 21st through April 27th
Racing 4 days per week on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Dark Easter Sunday, April 20th. Dark February 26th.
- Live racing October 1st through December 31st
Racing 5 days per week, Wednesdays through Sundays. Dark Thanksgiving, November 27th, Christmas Eve and Christmas.

These dates are subject to the following:

- 1) An agreement with the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, pursuant to Section 3.075(a) of the Horse Racing Act, to allow a lesser schedule than 5 days per week.
- 2) In conformance with the 2013 Dates Order, Hawthorne Race Course is required to maintain the existing secured lines of credit and secured loans, and to produce written confirmation letters from those financial institutions verifying the loans have been maintained and extended, with sufficient available credit to satisfy all statutory obligations through the entirety of its 2014 race meet.
- 3) To the satisfaction of Board staff, the following repairs shall be made:
 - Replace and/or add lights in the concrete barns.

Balmoral Park – 136 live programs and 139 dark host programs for a total of 275

- Live racing January 1st through December 31st

- Racing 3 nights per week on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Dark January 1st through February 4th and during the Illinois State Fair, August 4th through the 14th, and April 20th and Christmas Eve.

These dates are subject to the following:

- 1) An agreement with the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association, pursuant to Section 3.075(a) of the Horse Racing Act, to allow a lesser schedule than 5 days per week.
- 2) To the satisfaction of Board staff, the following repairs shall be made:
 - install oscillating fans in old paddock as previously agreed to;
 - improve lighting between barns in the north barn area;
 - repair concrete steps leading up to the race office; and
 - make necessary repairs to barn 26 (toilets, sinks, showers and lighting) as previously agreed to.

Maywood Park – 89 live programs and 1 dark host program for a total of 90

- Live racing January 1st through December 31st
Racing 2 nights per week on Thursdays and Fridays. Dark January 1st through February 5th and during the Illinois State Fair, August 4th through the 14th, and November 27th and Christmas.

These dates are subject to the following:

- 1) An agreement with the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association, pursuant to Section 3.075(a) of the Horse Racing Act, to allow a lesser schedule than 5 days per week.
- 2) To the satisfaction of Board staff, the following repairs shall be made:
 - make necessary repairs to the tack room in barn C1 by fixing the leaking roof;
 - make necessary repairs to the roof on barn C3 and fix leaking faucets in bath stalls; and
 - level sewer caps.

ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE #2

On the conditions that the Board does not receive supplemental funding of at least \$725,000 but advance deposit wagering is reauthorized by January 31, 2014.

Fairmount Park – 52 live programs

- Live racing April 29th through May 31st on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday evenings;

June 1st through August 16th on Tuesday afternoons and Friday and Saturday evenings, dark on July 4th; and August 19th through September 20th on Tuesday afternoons, Saturday evenings and September 1st, dark on August 30th.

Arlington Park – 89 live programs and 85 dark host programs for a total of 174

Dark host period - January 1st through January 18th

- Live racing April 28th through September 30th
Racing 4 days per week, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays except live racing on May 26th and September 1st. Dark on May 1st.

Hawthorne Race Course – 81 live programs and 110 dark host programs for a total of 191

Dark host period – January 19th through February 27th and November 17th through December 11th.

- Live racing February 28th through April 27th
Racing 4 days per week on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Dark on April 20th.
- Live racing October 1st through November 16th
Racing 5 days per week, Wednesdays through Sundays.
- Live racing December 12th through December 31st
Racing 5 days per week, Wednesdays through Sundays. Dark Christmas Eve and Christmas.

Balmoral Park – 88 live programs and 191 dark host programs for a total of 279

- Live racing January 1st through December 31st
Racing 2 nights per week on Saturdays and Sundays. Dark January 1st through February 15th and during the Illinois State Fair, August 4th through the 14th, and April 20th and Christmas Eve.

Maywood Park – 85 live programs and 1 dark host program for a total of 86

- Live racing January 1st through December 31st
Racing 2 nights per week on Thursdays and Fridays. Dark January 1st through February 19th and during the Illinois State Fair, August 4th through the 14th, and November 27th and Christmas.

ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE #3

On the conditions that the Board receives supplemental funding of at least \$725,000 but advance deposit wagering is not reauthorized by January 31, 2014.

Fairmount Park – 19 live programs

- Live racing April 29th through July 1st on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday evenings.

Arlington Park – 68 live programs and 113 dark host programs for a total of 181

Dark host period - January 1st through January 31st

- Live racing May 2nd through September 28th
Racing 3 days per week, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays except live racing on May 26th and September 1st.

Hawthorne Race Course – 50 live programs and 134 dark host programs for a total of 184

Dark host period – February 1st through March 6th and December 1st through December 31st

- Live racing March 7th through May 1st
Racing 3 days per week on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Dark on April 20th.
- Live racing September 29th through November 30th
Racing 3 days per week, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Balmoral Park – 84 live programs and 281 dark host programs for a total of 365

- Live racing January 1st through December 31st
Racing 2 nights per week on Fridays and Saturdays. Dark January 1st through February 6th, August 8th and 9th, and December 1st through December 31st.

ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE #4

On the conditions that the Board does not receive supplemental funding of at least \$725,000 and advance deposit wagering is not reauthorized by January 31, 2014.

Fairmount Park – 10 live programs

- Live racing April 29th through May 31st on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday evenings.

Arlington Park – 49 live programs and 135 dark host programs for a total of 184

Dark host period - January 1st through January 31st and September 21st through October 31st

- Live racing May 1st through August 20th
Racing 3 days per week, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays except live racing on May 26th.

Hawthorne Race Course – 15 live programs and 166 dark host programs for a total of 181

Dark host period – February 1st through April 30th and November 1st through December 31st

- Live racing August 21st through September 20th
Racing 3 days per week on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and September 1st.

Balmoral Park – 13 live programs and 352 dark host programs for a total of 365

- Live racing January 1st through December 31st
Racing 1 night per week on Saturdays. Dark January 1st through July 4th and September 28th through December 31st.

The following conditions shall be imposed on each of the organization licensees. These conditions shall apply to all 4 alternative schedules.

- 1) Published post times shall be adhered to with reasonable deviation;
- 2) Each organization licensee's backstretch shall remain open for the entirety of their race meet;
- 3) Consistent with Section 29(d) of the Horse Racing Act, each organization licensee shall have a written agreement with their respective horsemen's association no later than thirty (30) days before the commencement of their race meet. If no agreement is reached by the 30-day deadline, the organization licensee shall immediately notify the Board's Executive Director. The Chairman shall designate a mediator to resolve the dispute; and
- 4) No organization licensee shall card more races per program in 2014 as they carded on like days in 2013.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Berry moved to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2013 Board meeting. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:15 a.m., Commissioner LaPidus motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Marc Laino
Executive Director